

YOUNG DUCKS.

They Have No Instinctive Impulse to Enter the Water.

It has turned out, under the searching experimentation of recent years, that much that we have supposed to be instinctive in animals is not instinctive at all. For example, the young duck proves to have no instinctive impulse to enter the water, does not recognize the element by sight and is, in short, in precisely the same situation as a chick until, by happy chance, it gets its legs wet. Wet legs, however, and the lift of the water on the body at once start up the swimming reaction, and away sails the duckling, as chickens and children do not.

The chick, on its part, has a definite instinct to peck at any small object that catches its eye. That takes care of its feeding. But the chick has no corresponding instinct to drink and would die of thirst before it would recognize water by sight alone. Drinking it has to learn for itself by pecking at dewdrops or spots of light on the surface of the water or particles at the bottom of its cup. Even the hen, contrary to general belief, proves to have no instinctive fear of the water for her offspring. A hen that has raised a few broods of ducks and seen them take to the water becomes highly distressed when a subsequent hatch of chickens do not swim. In fact, hens have been reported under these circumstances to lead their chicks to the waterside and push them in.—McClure's Magazine.

NESTS IN GULF WEED.

Breeding Place of the Flying Fish in the Sargasso Sea.

In the middle of the north Atlantic there is an area of comparatively still water almost equal to continental Europe in extent and more or less covered with floating seaweed. It was known as the Mar de Sargasso to Columbus and the early navigators and is the Sargasso sea of modern geographers.

The floating seaweed was formerly supposed to have grown near the Bahama and Florida shores and to have drifted to its present position. It is now, however, known to grow and propagate itself where it is found. In it are found globular masses of weed containing fish eggs and known as fish nests.

Investigations show that the floating weed of the Sargasso sea is the chosen breeding place of species of flying fish. The eggs found in the nests were attributed to certain species of fish found resting on them, but careful examination of the eggs shows that they really belong to flying fish.

Apparently, however, the flying fish do not make the nests themselves. Each end of the egg of these fish is furnished with bunches of very long filamentary tendrils, and by means of these the finely divided branches of the Sargassum weed have been caught together in globular masses. The eggs may be said to have made their own nest.—London Field.

Bismarck and 3.

Bismarck had an intense aversion to 13, but a veneration for the number 3. His reasons for his predilection were that he served three masters; he was responsible for and fought in three great wars; he signed three treaties of peace; he arranged the meeting of three emperors; he established the triple alliance; in the Franco-Prussian war three horses were killed under him; he had three names (Bismarck, Schoenhausen and Lauenburg); he acquired three titles (count, prince, duke); the ancient arms of his family are a leaf of clover and three oak leaves. His family motto, "In trinitate robur" ("Strength in trinity"), was surely in itself sufficient to give a leaning in this particular direction. So closely were his feelings associated with the triple number that the caricaturists represented him with three hairs on his head. He had three children.

No Old Maids.

"We'd have no old maids if we took a lesson from the ancient Babylonians," a spinster said. "In Babylon unmarried women were graded by the state according to their looks. For a beautiful young wife the state demanded a large number of gold pieces, a less desirable wife cost a smaller number of gold pieces, and this money was all paid out again as rewards to those who married elderly, unattractive girls. Thus it cost a fortune to marry beauty, but if you married ugliness a fortune came to you; hence all was happiness in Babylon, and old maids were unknown."

Bolingbroke's Retort.

When Bolingbroke, who was at Aix-la-Chapelle during the treaty of peace at that place, at which time his attituder was not removed, was asked by an impertinent Frenchman whether he came there in any public character, his lordship answered: "Not at all. I came like a French minister, with no character at all."

The Audience.

The Actor (a terrible bore)—Awfully bad arrangements at Jayville. Played "Hamlet" there last week. Somebody shouted "Fire!" and it took twenty minutes for the audience to get out. His Victim—I s'pose the poor beggar was lame—what?

Zealous.

A country convert, full of zeal, in his first prayer meeting remarks offered himself for service. "I am ready to do anything the Lord asks of me," said he, "so long as it's honorable."

They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts.—Sir Philip Sidney.

THE PRICE OF GENIUS.

What It Means to Man to Be a Pioneer in Thought.

To be a pioneer in thought is to stand alone with nature, not for a few minutes, but for life. The isolation of the few great minds of each generation of men is utterly undreamed of, for want of understanding, by those about them. Yet think what it is to pass one's days in a thought world where the thinker roams alone; to grapple with problems the very terms of which are beyond ordinary comprehension and the solution appreciated only in years to come; to contemplate in lonely ecstasy, after still lonelier despair, the revelation that comes with months and more of pondering. When some one asked Newton how he came to make his wonderful discoveries he replied, "Simply by always thinking about them." Consider Kepler tolling year after year fruitlessly for some ratio that should link the planet's motions by a general law, calculating assiduously and putting hypothesis after hypothesis aside as he found it would not work until at last, after almost inconceivable toil, he hit upon the one that would.

As if this loneliness by nature were not enough, it must needs be accentuated by man, for he rises in such cases in chorus to condemn. Consider Darwin, in patient study, testing the working out of natural selection and adding fact to fact, only to have the whole denounced as ridiculously absurd. Think you the denunciations of the master while living are wholly compensated by the plaudits after he is dead? The loneliness of greatness is the price men make the genius pay for posthumous renown.—Percival Lowell in Atlantic.

THE COOK'S FAULT.

No Wonder the Bird Was Not Tender When Served.

One of the most annoying things about swans is that they live to an extremely great age and that it is impossible for the ordinary observer to guess what their years may be. President Grover Cleveland once had an amusing experience with some swans, according to a writer in the American Magazine. He had been in the south shooting and brought home a number of wild swans, one of which he sent to each member of his cabinet and to some other associates.

"All the boys," said Mr. Cleveland, "thanked me politely for having remembered them, but none of them seemed to have much to say about how they enjoyed the birds."

"Carlisle, I found, had his cooked on a little when he was dining out. Another, when I asked him, said he hoped I wouldn't mind, but he had sent his home to his old mother. Thurber didn't mention his bird at all for two days. Finally I asked him about it."

"Thurber, did you get that swan all right?"

"Yes, sir—oh, yes, I got the swan all right, thank you, and he bent over his desk and seemed very busy."

"Fine bird," I said.

"Yes, sir, fine bird," and he went on working.

"Enjoy eating him, Thurber?"

"He waited a minute, and then he said: 'Well, sir, I guess they didn't cook him right at my house. They cooked him only two days.' And he went on working without cracking a smile."

Edible Flowers of India.

Many edible flowers, it appears, are to be found in India. One of the most appreciated grows on a tree about which we have very little information, but which in the country itself is named the "mbowad." The natives consume an enormous number of these flowers, whose pale yellow corollae are pulpy and thick, and they prepare them in various ways.

When they are fresh they are put in cakes, to which they give a sweet flavor, but they are more especially used for making bread after they have been dried and reduced to flour. By allowing them to ferment a kind of wine is produced, and by distilling them a brandy is obtained of which the Hindoos are very fond.—Vulgarisation Scientifique.

A Dandy of 1770.

From an English newspaper printed in the year 1777 is the following description of a dandy: "A few days ago a macaroni made his appearance in the assembly rooms at Whitehaven, dressed in a mixed silk coat, pink satin waistcoat and breeches covered with an elegant silk net, white silk stockings with pink clocks, pink satin shoes and large pearl buttons, a mushroom colored stock covered with fine point lace, hair dressed remarkably high and stuck full of pearl pins."

Utter Contempt.

"I s'pose you wouldn't marry me if I were the only man on earth?"

"I wouldn't even be engaged to you," responded the girl, "if you were the only man at a summer resort."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

And the Parson Passed On.

"And what are you here for, my friend?" asked the visiting parson of an inmate of a reformatory.

"Cause I can't get out, thank you," replied the victim.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Lots of Company.

Stranger—You must find it very lonely on these hills. Shepherd—Lonely! No, I don't. Why, there was a man an' a 'oss passed yesterday, an' there's you today.—London Punch.

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No. 302—Evansville and
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No. 341—Hopkinsville mixed
arrives.....11:25 a. m.
No. 301—Evansville Express
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